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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hakansson, et al. Examiner: K. Thompson  
Serial No.: 09/581,058 Group Art Unit: 3763  
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For: Percutaneous Bone Anchored Transferring Device

RESPONSE

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This is in response to the Official Action mailed on December 3, 2002 for the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims in view of the remarks herein are respectfully requested.

Claims Presently in the Case

Claims 13-36 are presently in the case.

In the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification under 35 USC 132 as introducing new matter. The new matter according to the Examiner is as follows: "a connecting device, a system comprising a percutaneous bone-anchored transferring device and a connecting device, and methods." Applicants respectfully traverse this objection. A connecting device, a system comprising a percutaneous bone-anchored transferring device and a connecting device, and methods were disclosed in the application as filed. The substitute specification merely

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